

JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Regular Session
July 19, 2022
6:00 P.M.

The Board met this date in regular session. Present were Chairman Gene Hall, Commissioners Stephen Walker, Chris Tuten, JT Surles and Betsy Barfield. Also present were County Attorney Heather Encinosa and Interim County Coordinator and Planning Official Shannon Metty.

1. Chairman Hall called the meeting to order, and Chris Holley led the invocation and pledge of allegiance.
2. **On motion by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Surles, the consent agenda consisting of General Fund Vouchers, Commissioners July 2022 report, List of Accounts Report, SHIP contract extension, CDGB Agreement Modification and the 12/16 and 6/16 BCC meeting minutes were motioned for approval.** At that time, it was deemed necessary to take off the SHIP contract extension until a later time. **Therefore, on a second by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Surles, and unanimously carried, the consent agenda less item b, the SHIP contract extension was approved.**
3. County Attorney, Heather Encinosa introduced item 4a, a Resolution against racial restrictive covenants in Jefferson County. **On a motion by Commissioner Barfield, seconded by Commissioner Surles, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the attached Resolution.**
4. County Attorney, Heather Encinosa introduced item 4b, Coordinator Discussion. She introduced and discussed a draft separation agreement between the County and current County Coordinator, Parrish Barwick. **On a motion by Commissioner Barfield, seconded by Commissioner Tuten, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the separation agreement.** It was the consensus of the Board for County Attorney Encinosa to bring back a plan on 8/4 concerning the search for a new Coordinator and any contractual assistance for interim County Coordinator, Shannon Metty.
5. Commissioner Surles introduced item 4d, Commercial Solid Waste Fees. Solid Waste Director, Robbie Slack discussed the attached fee list and the proposed cost increases and the need for these increases. **On a motion by Commissioner Surles, seconded by Commissioner Walker, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the moving forward with the proposed increases effective September 1, 2022.**
6. County Attorney, Heather Encinosa introduced item 4e, Professional Services Agreements, Engineers. **On a motion by Commissioner Barfield, seconded by Commissioner Surles, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the attached professional services agreements.**
7. County Attorney, Heather Encinosa introduced item 4f, Medical. Examiner Agreement. She discussed the fact that this will be an interim Examiner and that the Governor's Office will appoint a permanent one. **On a motion by Commissioner Barfield, seconded by Commissioner Surles, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the attached Medical Examiner Agreement.**

8. Commissioner Surles introduced item 4g, GOV App Discussion. Sheriff McNeill and others discussed what a great community communication tool this could be for citizens. **On a motion by Commissioner Surles, seconded by Commissioner Barfield, and unanimously carried, the Board approved moving forward with engaging the contractor for pricing and the also determined that we will pay for the application with American Rescue Plan (ARPA) excess funds and that we would begin the project now.**
9. Item 4h, New Board Business. The Waukeelah Highway project start date was being pushed until next week because of weather.
10. Item 4i, Old Board Business. Interim County Coordinator, Shannon Metty gave an update on the current recreation park improvement project.
11. During Item 8, County Attorney, **on motion made by Commissioner Barfield, seconded by Commissioner Surles, and unanimously carried, the Board gave County Attorney, Heather Encinosa injunctive relief ability to act on the Boards behalf if necessary.**
12. Commissioner Barfield discussed having a moratorium on approving land use special exemptions. After discussion it was agreed that proposed language would be brought to the next BCC meeting.
13. It was the consensus of the Board to allow Commissioner Barfield to spend up to \$500.00 on leading the broadband speed test for county residents.
14. Commissioner Barfield spent \$1,000.00 on two gifts (\$500.00 each) for both retired County Attorney's and wanted approval for reimbursement. Commissioner Surles recused himself from the vote and **on motion made by Commissioner Tuten, seconded by Commissioner Walker, and unanimously carried, the Board approved reimbursing Commissioner Barfield \$1,000.00 from the General Fund.**
15. **On motion by Commissioner Surles, seconded by Commissioner Walker, and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned.**

**Board of County Commissioners
Jefferson County, Florida**

Gene Hall, Chairman

ATTEST:

Kirk Reams, Clerk of Court